

A JFK-Mafia Link Inquiry?

SINATRA, FRANK

# CIA Panel May Call Sinatra

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The Senate intelligence committee is expected to consider calling Frank Sinatra to testify about the relationship of President John F. Kennedy, Judith Campbell Exner and mobster Sam Giancana.

"I think the committee

will be asked when it meets" to consider calling Sinatra as a witness, a committee source said last night. The panel is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

Mrs. Exner, who said in a 10-page book outline released Wednesday by a literary agent that she had

an affair with Kennedy in the early 1960s, has said Sinatra introduced her to Kennedy and to Giancana and John Rosselli, another underworld figure.

THE CIA enlisted Giancana and Rosselli in an effort to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. The Senate panel uncovered Mrs. Exner's relationship with Kennedy in trying to determine whether Kennedy knew about the assassination plot. It concluded he did not learn of it through her.

However, the committee source said yesterday, "I don't think the staff is eager at this point to go back and open that up again," regardless of whether "Sinatra had anything to offer in connection with the question of whether Kennedy was connected with the Castro plot."

"THEY DECIDED then not to call him (Sinatra) because it was doubtful he could add anything," the source said but acknowledged there has been pressure, including some from columnists, for the committee to question Sinatra.

Mrs. Exner's book outline said: "There may have been a reason beyond what has yet come to light for Sinatra's introduction of Judith to Kennedy and then to Giancana and it is interesting to speculate on whether he was attempting to set up a connection."

THE LOS ANGELES Times said today that continuation of Sinatra's friendship with Kennedy continued after apparent warnings to the former president that Sinatra associated with hoodlums, according to correspondence at the John F. Kennedy Library in Waltham, Mass., and former Kennedy aides Kenneth O'Donnell and Dave Powers.

In July 1972, Sinatra appeared before the House Select Committee on Crime only after being threatened with a subpoena. He was asked to testify about his \$55,000 investment in a now-defunct race track in